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Letter dated 18 October 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to bring the attached letter from the Secretary General of the East African Community to the attention of the Security Council for its consideration (see annex).

The letter concerns the hosting of the archives of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. By its resolution 1966 (2010), the Security Council established the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals to carry out a number of residual functions of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, including the management of archives. According to the statute of the Mechanism (resolution 1966 (2010), annex I), the branch of the Mechanism for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and its archives shall be co-located in Arusha.

It falls to the Security Council, as the parent organ of both the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Mechanism, to consider the appeal contained in the letter from the East African Community that the archives should be located in Rwanda.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

Request to grant the hosting of the seat of the archives of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda to the Republic of Rwanda

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 955 (1994), by which the Council established the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and resolution 1966 (2010), by which the Council created the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals to complete pending cases.

The East African Community, among others, recognizes that the genesis of the genocide that took place in Rwanda in 1994 and the healing processes undertaken in Rwanda to reconcile the people and restore human dignity continue to provide strong lessons to avoid a recurrence of such gross crimes against humanity. At its twenty-fifth Ordinary Meeting, held on 31 August 2012, the Council of Ministers of the Community took a common position to appeal to the United Nations that the hosting of the archives in respect of the genocide in Rwanda be granted to the Republic of Rwanda and directed the Secretary General of the Community to communicate this common position to the United Nations Security Council.

I therefore have the honour, on behalf of the East African Community, to communicate this common position and, furthermore, to request that it be brought to the attention of the United Nations Security Council for consideration.

(*Signed*) Richard **Sezibera**
Ambassador
Secretary General